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EMBASSY HAS JUST LEARNED FROM REF A THAT FY-75 TRAINING PROGRAM FOR INDIA WILL BE LIMITED TO DOLS 133,900, WITH SMALLER AMOUNTS FOR SUBSEQUENT YEARS. IN REF B ODRI ASKED FOR DOLS 250,000, A FIGURE WHICH THE EMBASSY FULLY SUPPORTED. REFS C AND D INDICATE REASONS WHY WE THINK THE GOI WILL BE MORE ANXIOUS TO USE TRAINING BILLETS THAN IT HAS BEEN IN THE LAST TWO YEARS. ITS RECENT ACTIONS IN NAMING TRAINEES TO AVAILABLE BILLETS HAVE BEEN REPORTED. SOVIETS HAVE CLOSE CONTACTS WITH INDIAN ARMED FORCES THROUGH SALES TO INDIA AND MANUFACTURE IN INDIA OF SOVIET-LICENSED MILITARY EQUIPMENT, AND THROUGH TRAINING WHICH THEY OFFER. WE BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT TO MAINTAIN OUR OWN CONTACTS, PARTICULARLY NOW THAT THERE SEEMS TO BE A RECEPTIVE ATTITUDE ON THE PART OF THE GOI.

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ACTION REQUESTED: WE HOPE THAT DURING THE INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEETINGS NOW BEING HELD IN WASHINGTON CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO RAISING THE FY-75 TRAINING LEVEL FOR INDIA TO DOLS -40,000.
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